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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE OF NAVAL RESEARCH PROJECT

1. OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH WISHES TO CONDUCT STUDY OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CABLE STRUMMING AND FISHBITE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC MOORINGS. MAIN PROBLEM IS SHARK ATTACKS ON EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY CABLES. NAVY HAS SELECTED SITE NINE MILES OFF NICHOLSTOWN JUST OUTSIDE BOUNDARY OF NAVAL FACILITY FOR KEY THREE-MONTH FIELD TEST INVOLVING MOORED INSTRUMENTS. SITE WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE IT IS NEAR SHORE, PRESENCE OF SHARKS HAS BEEN VERIFIED, BOTTOM TOPOGRAPHY HAS BEEN SURVEYED, AND IT IS AREA OF REVERSING TIDAL CURRENTS OF SUFFICIENT INTENSITY TO CAUSE STRUMMING.

2. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE PROVIDES FOR TEST TO BEGIN EARLY FEBRUARY 76 WITH IMPLANTING MOORINGS AND END WITH RETRIEVAL IN MAY. MOORINGS WOULD BE PLACED ONE NAUTICAL MILE APART IN TRIANGULAR PATTERN CENTERED AT 25 DEGREES, 9 MINUTES NORTH, 77 DEGREES, 50 MINUTES WEST. BAHAMIAN
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OBSERVER WOULD BE WELCOME AND ANY DATA COLLECTED COULD

BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GCOB.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN

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